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1. WHEN I CALLED CHONA TO REQUEST AN APPOINTMENT TO SEE HIM ON  
NAMIBIA TELS REFS A AND B, HE SAID PRESIDENT KAUNDA HAD ASKED  
HIM TO PASS ON A MESSAGE TO ME RELATING TO THE DAR AND ALL PARTY  
RHODESIA MEETING.

2. WE STARTED OFF WITH RHODESIA. THE ZAMBIANS ARE PUTTING MAJOR  
STRESS, OF COURSE, ON THE DAR APRIL 15 MEETING FOLLOWING UP  
MALTA. PRESIDENT KAUNDA APPARENTLY DISCUSSED IT AT SOME LENGTH  
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YESTERDAY WITH JOSHUA NKOMO AND AGAIN CHONA STRESSED TO ME THE  
MAXIMUM EFFORT ZAMBIA IS PUTTING INTO SEEING THAT PROGRESS IS  
MADE IN NEGOTIATIONS. HE SAID THEY BELIEVE THE WAY WAS CLEAR TO  
PRODUCE AT LEAST A "DAR DECLARATION" AND HOPEFULLY A "DAR AGREE-  
MENT." WE DISCUSSED FOR SOME TIME REMAINING DIFFICULTIES IN THE  
TRANSITION PERIOD PROVISIONS OF THE ANGLO-AMERICAN PROPOSAL; THE  
MAKE UP OF THE GOVERNING COUNCIL AND COMPOSITION OF THE POLICE.

CHONA'S PROBLEM ON THE GOVERNING COUNCIL APPEARED TO RELATE TO WHETHER OR NOT CHIRAU WOULD BE PRESENT. I SAID THAT THIS HAD NOT BEEN CONTEMPLATED IN MALTA BUT THAT I COULD NOT SAY WHAT THE PRESENT THINKING WAS ON THE SUBJECT. ON THE POLICE, HE SEEMED TO THINK THAT THE PATRIOTIC FRONT WOULD ACCEPT THE PROPOSAL WE ARE MAKING FOR USING THE PRESENT FORCE WITH A CHANGE IN ITS CHIEF AND A LIAISON UN POLICE FORCE.

3. PRESIDENT KAUBDA'S CONCERN, HE SAID, RELATED MORE TO THE ALL PARTIES CONFERENCE AND THE BASIS OF DISCUSSION THERE. AS I UNDERSTOOD HIM, THEY ACCEPT OUR POSITION THAT WE COULD NOT CONFINED THE DISCUSSION PURELY TO THE ANGLO-AMERICAN PROPOSAL. WHAT HE WAS WORRIED ABOUT WAS THAT THE DAR MEETING WOULD PRODUCE AN AGREEMENT WHICH WE WOULD ABANDON AT THE ALL PARTIES CONFERENCE FOR SOME OTHER ARRANGEMENT. I SAID I THOUGHT ONE OF THE PURPOSES OF GRAHAM'S AND MY CONSULTATIONS WAS TO CLARIFY NOT ONLY THE TIME AND PLACE FOR THE MEETINGS BUT THE BASIS FOR THE DISCUSSIONS. AS FAR AS I UNDERSTOOD THE MATTER NOW, OUR ONLY PROPOSAL WAS THE ANGLO-AMERICAN PLAN WITH WHICH HE WAS FAMILIAR, AND WE WOULD CONTINUE TO SUPPORT IT. HIS CONCERN SEEMED TO BE SIMILAR TO THE FIRST TWO PROBLEMS VIEIRA RAISED WITH BILL DEPREE (MAPUTO 413). CHONA DID NOT APPEAR TO BE BOTHERED BY THE POSITIONS WHICH MIGHT BE TAKEN BY THE SALISBURY GROUP. WHAT HE WANTED ASSURANCE ON WAS WHETHER OR NOT WE WOULD CONTINUE TO DEFEND ANY DAR AGREEMENT AT THE ALL PARTIES CONFERENCE. I SAID I THOUGHT OUR POSITION WOULD BE BASED ON THE ANGLO-AMERICAN PROPOSAL, CONFIDENTIAL

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THOUGH WE COULD NOT KEEP THE CONFERENCE FROM DISCUSSING OTHER POSSIBLE SOLUTIONS. I BELIEVE THIS RESPONSE SATISFIED HIM THOUGH IT IS CLEAR THAT KAUNDA'S AND HIS CONCERN ON THIS POINT, LIKE THAT OF THE OTHER FRONTLINE AND PATRIOTIC FRONT FIGURES, WILL REMAIN.

4. CHONA ASKED WHETHER I HAD HAD A RESPONSE TO THE QUESTION HE HAD ASKED YESTERDAY CONTAINED REFTEL C PARA 2, I.E., WILL WE GO AHEAD WITH THE DAR CONFERENCE IF SALISBURY TURNS US DOWN ON THE ALL PARTIES CONFERENCE? THE DEPARTMENT'S ADVICE ON HOW TO RESPOND TO THIS QUESTION IS REQUESTED ASAP.

5. I THEN PASSED ON TO CHONA INFORMATION CONTAINED REFTELS A AND B. HE REPEATED HIS EARLIER STATEMENT THAT HE THOUGHT IT WAS IMPORTANT TO GET NUJOMA BACK TO LUSAKA TO CONSIDER THE PROPOSAL SERIOUSLY. ON WALVIS BAY, HE EXPRESSED THE VIEW THAT OUR PROPOSED STATEMENT WOULD CERTAINLY HELP MATTERS. HE SEEMED TO FEEL THAT IT WAS IMPORTANT TO GET ON WITH THE MATTER AND THERE WAS A GOOD CHANCE WE COULD GET POSITIVE RESPONSES.

6. ON BASIS LAGOS 4133 AND INSTRUCTIONS RECEIVED BY BRITISH HICOM, WE HAVE PASSED TO ZAPU (MADZIMBAMUTO) SUGGESTED DATES AND

SITE FOR MALTA PARTIES MEETING AND PROPOSED TIMING FOR ALL PARTIES MEETING. MADZIMBAMUTO SAID APRIL 15/16 MEETING MIGHT POSE A PROBLEM SINCE NKOMO HAD PLANS FOR THOSE DATES. HE INDICATED THAT THE IMPORTANT THING WAS TO ARRANGE PRELIMINARY MEETING BETWEEN MUGABE AND NKOMO TO SORT OUT THOUGHTS ON TIMING AND STRATEGY. WE TOLD HIM THAT MUGABE WAS IN LAGOS AND THAT WE WOULD PASS ON TO HIM ANY INFORMATION FROM LAGOS ON HIS ONWARD TRAVEL. MADZIMBAMUTO ALSO ASKED HOW WE WERE GOING TO ARRANGE AN ALL PARTIES MEETING SINCE MUZOREWA HAD YESTERDAY ANNOUNCED IN SALISBURY THAT HE WAS NOT INTERESTED IN ATTENDING.

7. ACTION REQUESTED: WE WOULD APPRECIATE ANY INFORMATION LAGOS MAY HAVE ON MUGABE'S ONWARD TRAVEL.

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